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1. Air activity observed at Wittstock airfield from 20 November through 4 December 1952 included:

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20 November. There was no flying.

21 November. At 10:30 a.m., two MiG-15s took off for flights over Wittstock. Some of the planes flew in the clouds.

22 and 23 November. There was no flying.

24 November. At 1 p.m., a MiG-15 took off for a cross-country flight. There was an 8/10 overcast, but visibility was good.

25 and 30 November. No air activity was observed.

1 December. From 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the noise of running jet engines was heard from the airfield. Between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., about four MiG-15s without auxiliary fuel tanks continuously took off and landed. The weather was overcast and the visibility good. Three MiG-15s were seen on the taxiway.

2 and 3 December. There was no flying.

4 December. From 12:30 to 2:15 p.m., the noise of flying aircraft was continuously heard. At 2:15 p.m., a type-29 plane landed. Two soldiers wearing flight suits left this plane. At the same time, six more planes were parked at the western end of the runway. Soldiers who wore flying suits were also seen near the western end of the runway. Five swept-back jet fighters were parked at the eastern end of the runway. The noise of taking off and landing of jet planes was continuously heard from 2:15 to 3 p.m. Type-29 plane landed at 3 p.m.

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Where the two last planes landed two red lamps near the runway which operated like blinker lights. When the aircraft had touched ground, the lights stopped operating. 1

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2. On 20 November and 4 December, [] six canvas-covered AA guns at the western end of the runway. The AAA position north of these six guns was occupied. 25X1
3. [] construction work at the field was completed or suspended about late November or early December. [] 24 bunkers, two of which had double the size of the other 22. The bunkers projected only slightly beyond the surface of the ground. 3 25X1
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4. Prior to 4 December, there was no change in the status of the radar set of type ESCR-602 in the southwestern portion of the field. The set was not in operation. Radar sets were also seen near bunker No 37. [] 25X1
[] one of these sets which was fitted with a parabolic reflector was fitted in the center with a cylinder-shaped device about 10 cm in diameter with a bulge at its end. 4 25X1
5. Seven German women who had been employed at Wittstock airfield had been discharged prior to 15 November.
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7. On 24 November, [] Major Kibets (fnu), the supply officer of a unit which is scheduled to be transferred to the airfield, visited the installation. Major Kibets was joined by his superior, a lieutenant colonel who wore dark blue-bordered epaulets with engineer insignia. The majority of the soldiers of the unit wore tank insignia. The unit was billeted in the Rote Muehle Inn and at the airfield. The officers' billets of this unit were to be completed by 15 December. [] this target date would not be kept. On the same 25X1
day, [] the Kech organization at Neuruppin airfield where 25X1
negotiations were held with an engineer named Rigashevski or Ribashevski (fnu). This engineer referred to Major Kibets as an engineer officer. 3
8. On 26 December, a twin-engine plane was observed at Wittstock airfield between the eastern end of the runway and the hangars. No other planes were seen parked at the field. Between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., flying was conducted by swept-back jet aircraft some of which were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks. Each of the AA guns at the replacement seen from the road was guarded by a sentry. 2 About 1 p.m., [] three 25X1
details of one sergeant and 20 men each doing close order drill on the Alt Daber - Wittstock road in front of the airfield. The soldiers wore black-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets.
1. [] Comment. According to available information, the headquarters 25X1
of the northern fighter corps and a fighter regiment are stationed at Wittstock airfield. Only slight flying activity was observed during the reported period. [] 25X1
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2. [] Comment. Two light AAA batteries were previously believed to be available at the field. There is a possibility that just as at other fields one of these batteries has been withdrawn from the installation.
3. [] Comment. The pinpoint location of the newly constructed bunkers, which have probably been built for AAA soldiers, was reported previously.
4. [] Comment. For previous information for radar installations at the field []
5. [] Comment. The information on preparations for the billeting of new soldiers was transmitted previously. [] Major Kibets was also mentioned in reference. It is believed that the new unit is a Soviet engineer outfit which will probably be employed on the construction of shrapnelproof aircraft revetments at the field. Similar observations were also made at other fields.

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